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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR  
ELECTION OF SPECIES**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action which issued in the above-identified application on October 19, 2004, requiring an election of species among those species identified by the Examiner as follows:

Species A, Claim 10;

Species B, Claim 11; and

Species C, Claims 12 and 13.

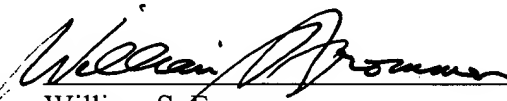
The Examiner found that claims 1-9, 14 and 15 are generic: they read on all of the species identified by the Examiner. Accordingly, if any of these generic claims eventually is allowed, it is recognized that the instant requirement for an election of species will be withdrawn; and all claims which include the limitations of the generic claims, irrespective of the particular species on which those claims read, likewise will be allowed.

Applicants elect Species A upon which claims 1-10, 14 and 15 read.

Applicants reserves their right to file one or more divisional applications, if necessary, so as to proceed with the examination of the non-elected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the claims of this application are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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